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Local Boundary Commission
550 West 7th. Ave., Suite 1770
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I wish to express my comments and concerns **AGAINST** any potential or proposed recommendations or formation of an organized Borough in or on the Prince of Wales Island area.

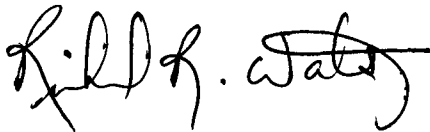
As a property owner of Whale Pass, Prince of Wales Island, which is currently not located in a Borough, and one of the main reasons why I purchased this property, I will do everything I can to stop a Borough from forming now or anytime in the future.

Although it may be true that forming a Borough on Prince of Wales would be in the best interest for the State of Alaska, it is by no means in the best interest for the majority of remote property owners such as myself.

I do not entirely disagree that the formation of a small Borough area that encompasses a higher density of population such as around a township (Craig is an Example) may be beneficial. But clearly the benefits must out way the costs and ramifications of such a Borough.

As a current Ketchikan resident for the past 27 years I have never seen such a waste of redundancy in local government and the lack of co-operation such displayed by the City of Ketchikan and Ketchikan Gateway Borough. Please consider focusing your efforts on ratifying current problems such as the need for unification before you go out and recommend or create new ones.

Thank-you very much,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. R. Watson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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